

# Teacher Ranger Teacher

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**Application Due:  
May 5, 2017**

The Teacher Ranger Teacher program is a professional development opportunity for K-12 teachers to spend the summer acquiring new skills in experiential learning through a program provided by a partnership between the National Park Service (NPS) and the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver). The participants spend between four and six weeks in a NPS unit developing a major educational project and participating in an online graduate course from CU Denver. The goal of the program is to train teachers in the resources and themes of the NPS so that they can return to their schools in the fall and incorporate their new skills into their classroom activities. NPS aims to especially reach students from underserved schools and districts by recruiting teachers from Title 1, urban or rural schools and from tribal schools to participate in the Teacher Ranger Teacher program.

### **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area: Teacher Ranger Teacher**

*Projected Dates of Detail:* Mid-Late June to Mid-August

*Stipend:* \$3,000 upon completion of program and graduate course requirements

*Housing Availability:* None

*Graduate Credit:* 3 graduate credit hours through University of Colorado Denver

*Program Hourly Requirements:* Total of 230 hours of effort: 160 hours of major educational project, 45 hours of online coursework, discussion, course readings, 25 hours of NPS operational experiences.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is the nation's largest urban national park, containing coastal mountains, beaches, and more than 500 miles for trails. More than 17 million Americans live within an hour's drive of the park, making for a unique mix of urban and wild experiences. This is not a traditional national park and is co-managed by a number of partner organizations, including California State Parks. The mild Mediterranean ecosystem is perfect for year-round recreation and wildlife viewing. Humans have lived in these mountains for more than 10,000 years, with ranching and Hollywood filming being the more recent of human activities.

# Position Details

Santa Monica Mountains is offering two Teacher Ranger Teacher positions.

## **Position 1: Los Angeles, CA**

The Los Angeles District of Santa Monica Mountains is seeking a middle school teacher for the park's Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program. The teacher would focus on the following during their six-week tenure.

1. Teacher-led field trip curriculum for Los Angeles Parks and the east end of Santa Monica Mountains (beaches and Franklin Canyon)
2. Lesson plan for 6th grade students on untold stories of settlers of the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains area
3. Engage with more local schools to sign up for national park programs (optional, if time permits)

Direct Supervisor: Vanessa Torres, Vanessa\_Torres@nps.gov, 213-253-0500

## **Position 2: Thousand Oaks, CA**

The Las Virgenes District of Santa Monica Mountains is seeking a high school teacher for the park's Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program. The participant will focus on three main projects during the six-week program:

1. Update online education portal: [www.nps.gov/samo/learn/education/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/learn/education/index.htm)
2. Develop history-based lesson plan (high school) for Paramount Ranch
3. Create trip planning resources for teacher-led field trips (optional, if time permits)

Direct Supervisor: Michael Liang, Michael\_Liang@nps.gov, 805-370-2387

# Application

Please email the following information to the direct supervisor for the Los Angeles and/or Thousand Oaks position by **Friday, May 5, 2017**.

Applicant Name:

Home Address:

Home/Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Applicant's School Name:

School District/State:

School Address:

School Phone:

Grade level and subject(s) taught:

Do you teach at a Title I school? If yes, what percentage of your students qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches?

Can you commit to approximately 4-6 weeks of time (230-240 hours) during the summer season (May-August, depending on park needs)?

Describe your most effective unit or lesson plan that actively engaged students in learning. Why was it successful?

Why do you want to participate in Teacher Ranger Teacher?

How will you use your TRT experience to enrich your classroom teaching and create opportunities for your students to connect to the National Park system?

How will you share information and skills acquired through this experience with your school and district colleagues?

Describe your familiarity and experiences with local, state or national parks.

Please provide information for two professional references:

**Reference 1**

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Relationship to applicant:

**Reference 2**

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Relationship to applicant: